

Jaswinder (Jas) Bedi, MBS

Jas graduated as a textile technologist in the UK in 1984 and has over 32 years experience in the manufacturing sector in Kenya. Jas is an industrialist and an entrepreneur who has numerous responsibilities in business and various business member organizations. Over the years, he has attended several executive business courses organized by Harvard Business School, IMD, and IIM to mention a few to his credentials. He is a member of YPO-WPO global network of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO). Jas was also nominated a finalist in the 2016 Africa CEO forum awards and subsequently awarded the 2016 Sikh CEO of the year.

His business acumen has been recognized by Government of Kenya whereby he was appointed a board member at The Export Promotion Council in 2003 and thereafter in 2006 transferred to serve the board of The Export Processing Zones Authority for a period of 6 years until October 2012. Additionally in December 2012, HE President Mwai Kibaki honored Jas with a medal, Moran of the Burning Spear (MBS). Further In 2016 President Kenyatta appointed Jas as the Chairman of the Export Promotion Council to help boost Kenya's exports.

Jas is currently the - Chairman Export Promotion Council (EPC). - President of International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF). - Chairman of the African Cotton & Textile Industries Federation (ACTIF). - Managing Director of Bedi Investments Limited. - Executive Director of Fine Spinners Uganda Limited. - Director of Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA).

Jas has previously also served on the Board of the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) and for a period of 32 months served as Managing Director of Orbit Chemical Industries Limited from 2003 unto 2005. He was also the Chairman of Kenya Apparel Manufacturers Exporters Association (KAMEA) from 2003 unto 2010 and the Vice Chairman of Kenya India Business Council from 2003 unto 2005. In addition, he also served as Co-Chair of the World Bank Cotton Apex committee from 2004 unto 2009.

Besides these positions he served in various trade committees of Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) since 1996 and graduated to serve as Chairman of KAM for 2 years in 2010. Jas has also served the EABC as a Director from 2011 and as Vice Chairman in 2014. In addition he has served Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) as the Chairman of the Trade and Investment committee and as a KEPSA governor from 2010 until 2015.

To conclude, Jas has been tirelessly involved in developing export market opportunities, particularly in trading blocks such as EAC, COMESA, SADC, USA and the European Union.